GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2622
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MAHAJAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details on which quota of levy sugar has been reduced since March, 1999 indicating the percentage of reduction on each occasion;

(b) the reasons for providing relief to the sugar mill owners by reducing the quota of levy sugar;

(c) the present status of implementation of Mahajan Committee recommendations on sugar industry; and

(d) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented in full?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The levy obligation of sugar mills has been reduced since March 1999 as indicated below:

From 40% to 30% w.e.f. 1.1.2000
From 30% to 15% w.e.f. 1.2.2001
From 15% to 10% w.e.f. 1.3.2002

The levy obligation has been reduced to enable sugar mills to sell greater quantities of levy free sugar in the market so as to enable them to pay cane price to sugarcane growers on time.

(c)&(d): Most of the recommendations of the Mahajan Committee have been implemented. No time limit for implementation of the remaining recommendations can be indicated.